

# Few-Shot Visual Relationship Co-Localization

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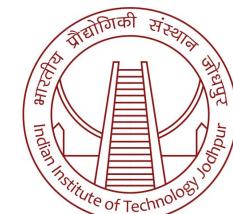
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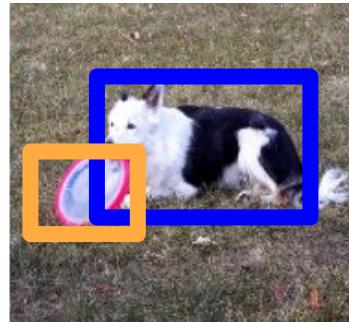
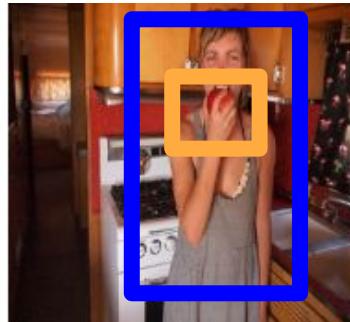


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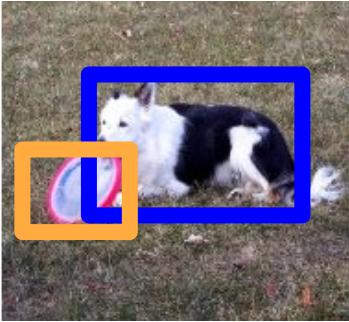
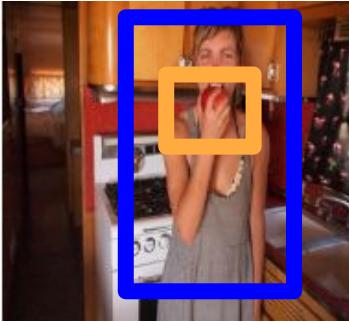


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# Visual Relationship Co-localization

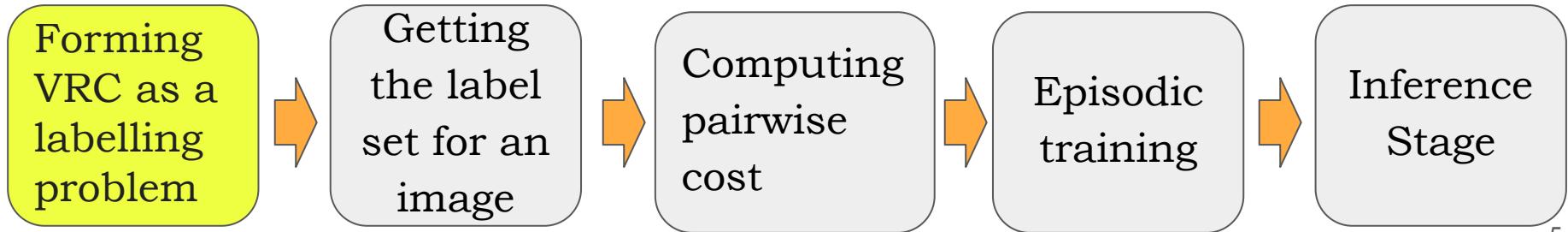


**Visual Relationship = <Subject, Predicate, Object>**

# STEP 1

## Forming VRC as a Labeling Problem

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# Forming VRC as a labelling problem

Given a bag of images:



Image-1

Image-2



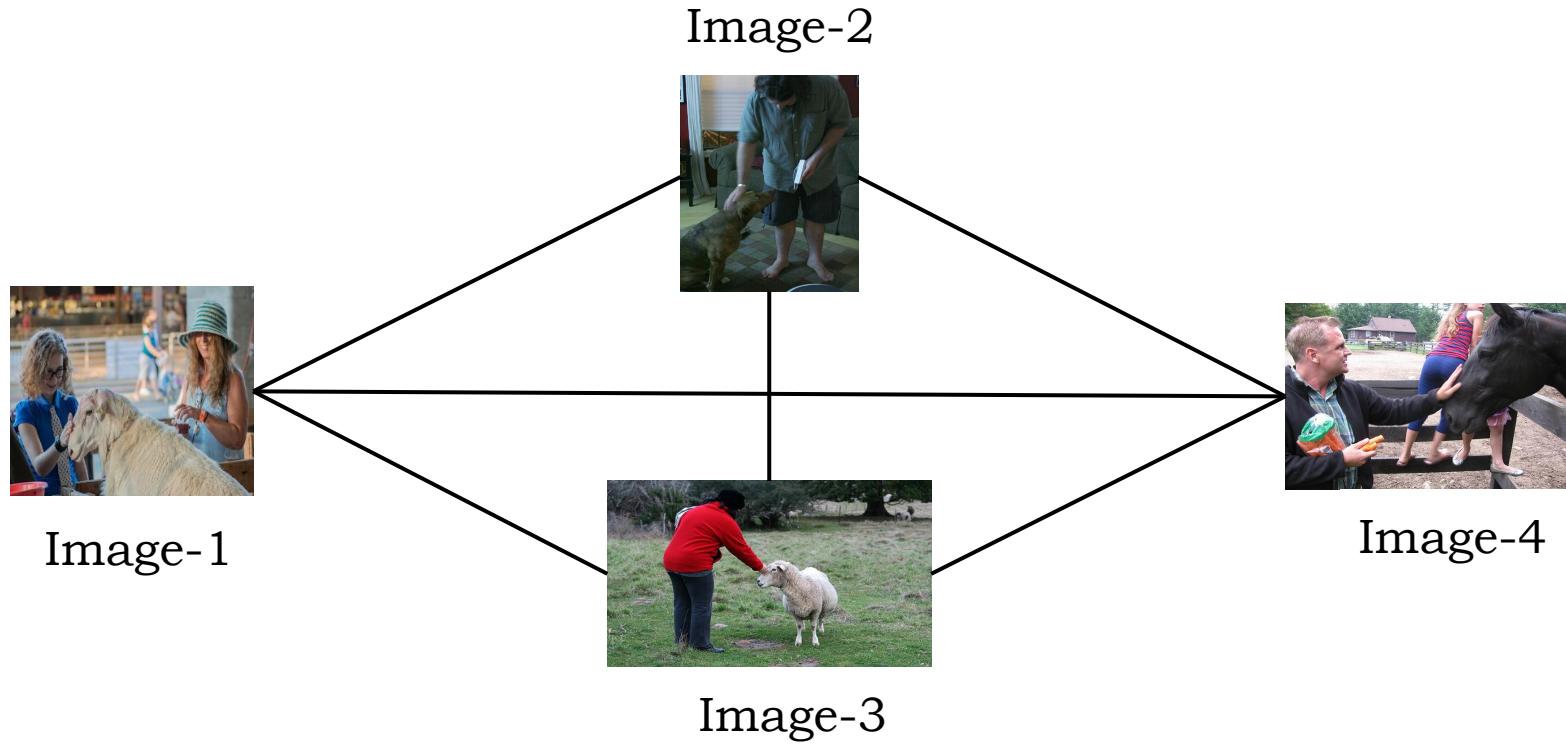
Image-3



Image-4

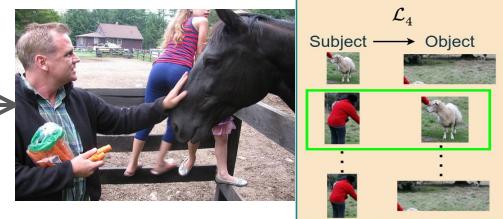
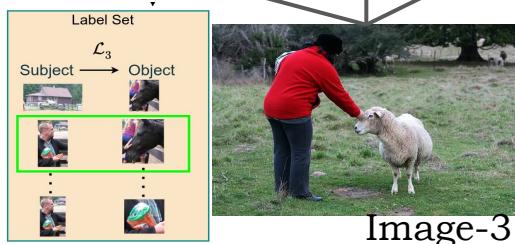
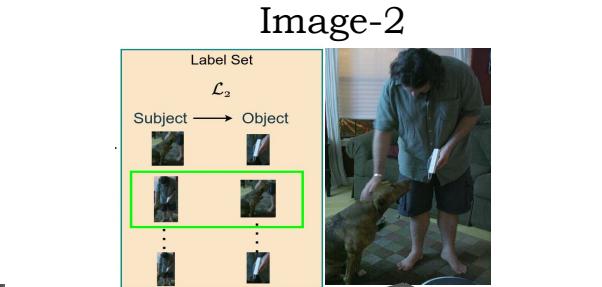
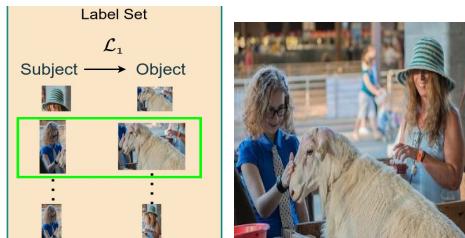
# Forming VRC as a labelling problem

Construct a fully connected graph:



# Forming VRC as a labelling problem

Label set = all possible visual relationships:



## STEP 2

### Getting the label set for an image

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Forming  
VRC as a  
labelling  
problem



Getting  
the label  
set for an  
image



Computing  
pairwise  
cost



Episodic  
training



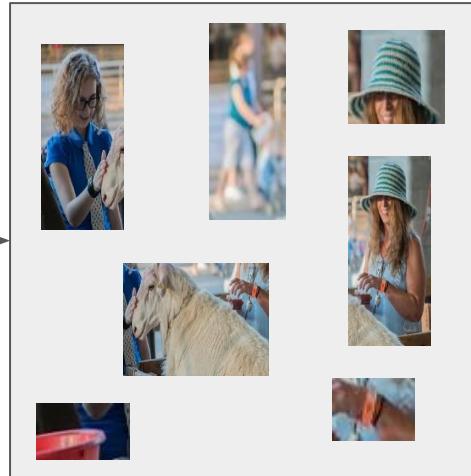
Inference  
Stage

# Getting the label set for an image



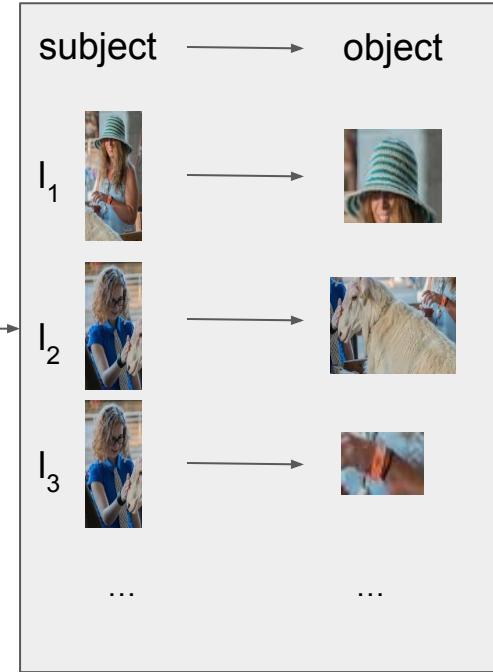
Given image

Faster  
R-CNN



Detected visual objects

Cross  
product

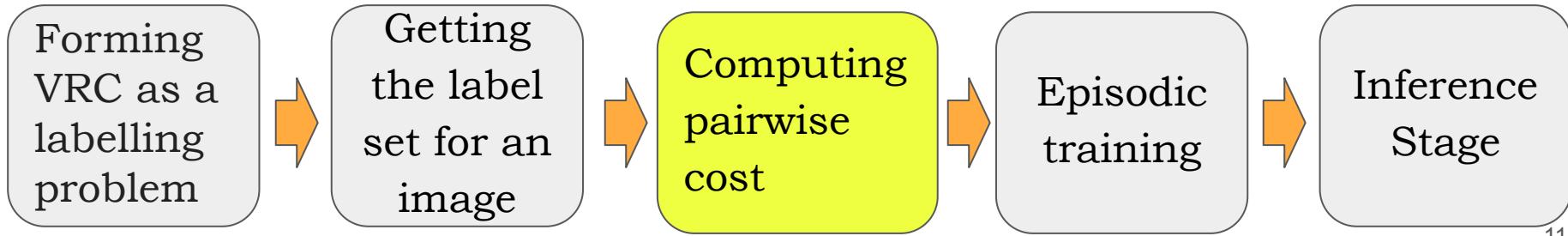


Label set  $\mathcal{L}$

Label set = all possible visual relationships in an image  
= all possible ordered pairs of detected visual objects in an image

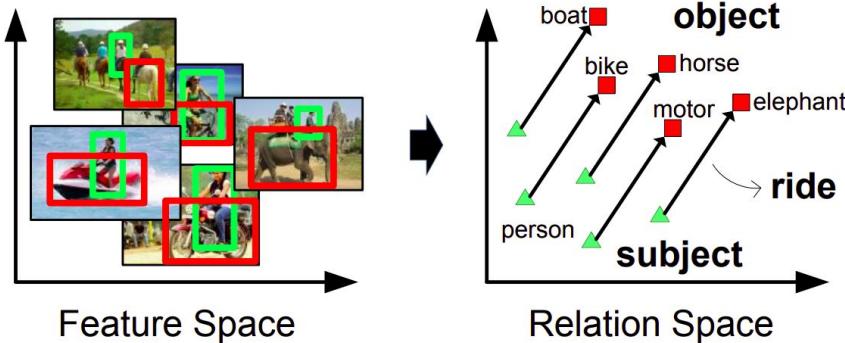
## STEP 3

### Computing pairwise cost



# Computing pairwise cost

VTransE + Relation Network to learn VR similarity



VTransE

[Zhang et al., CVPR 2017]

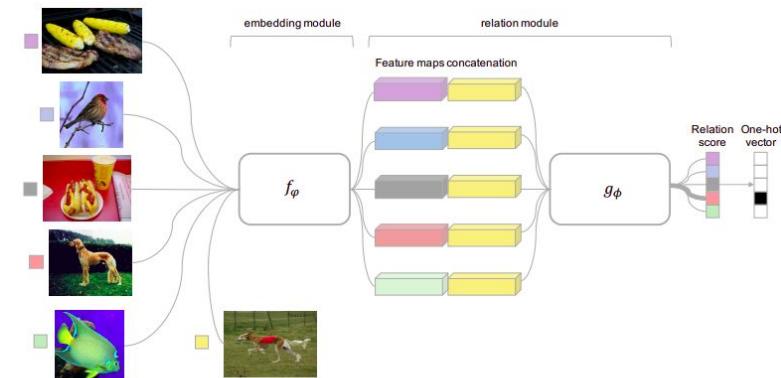
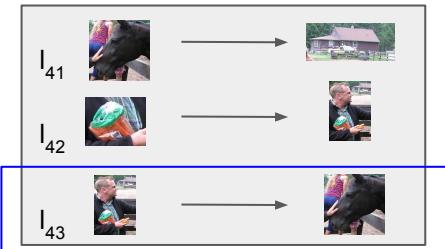
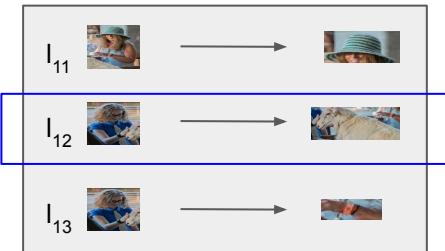


Figure 1: Relation Network architecture for a 5-way 1-shot problem with one query example.

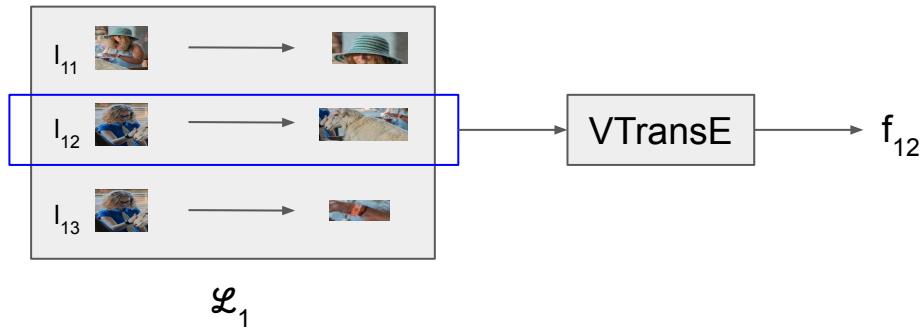
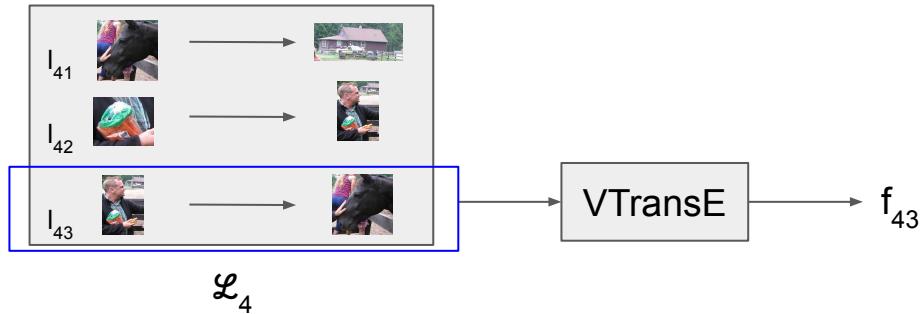
Relation Network

[Sung et al., CVPR 2018]

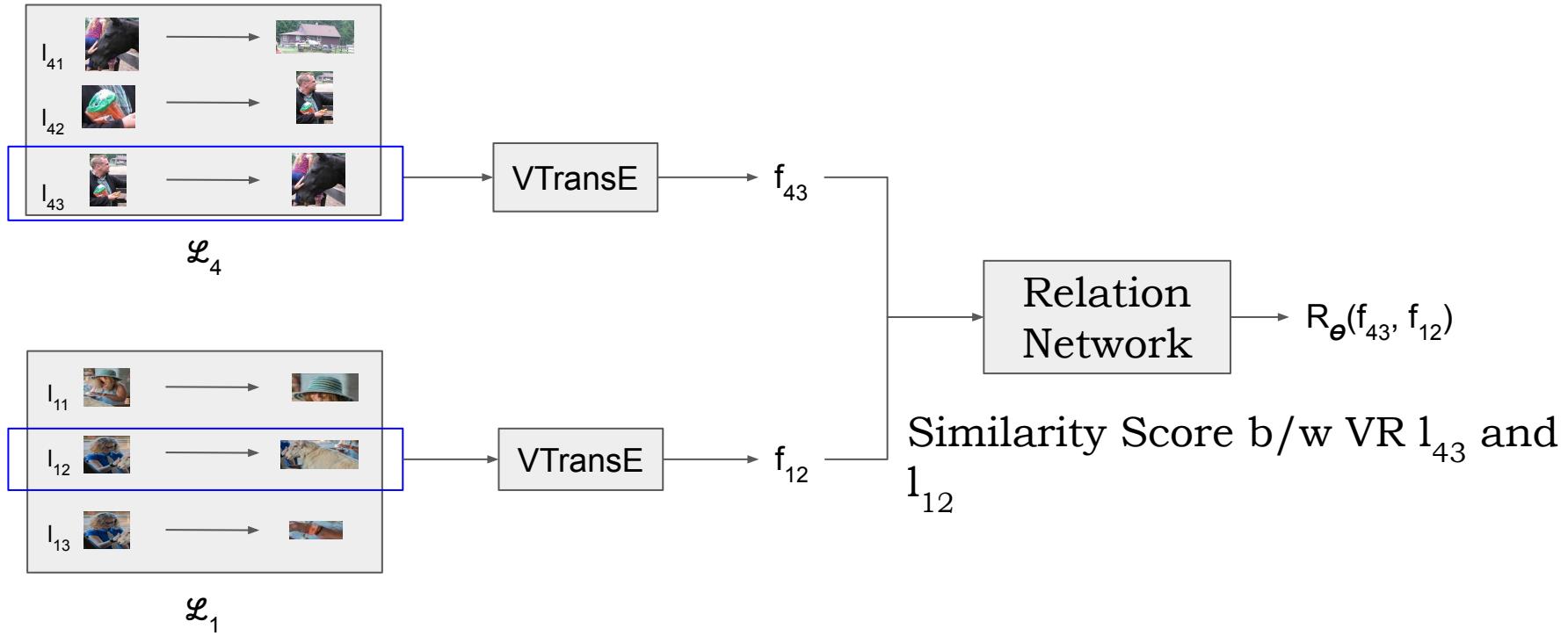
# Computing pairwise cost

 $\mathcal{L}_4$  $\mathcal{L}_1$

# Computing pairwise cost



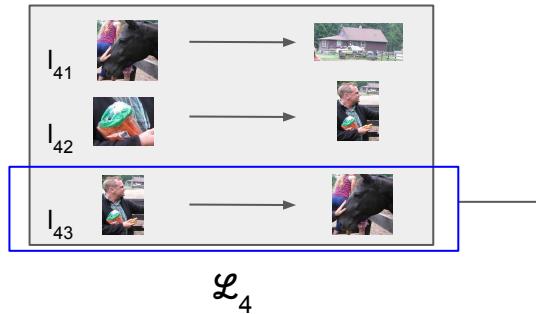
# Computing pairwise cost



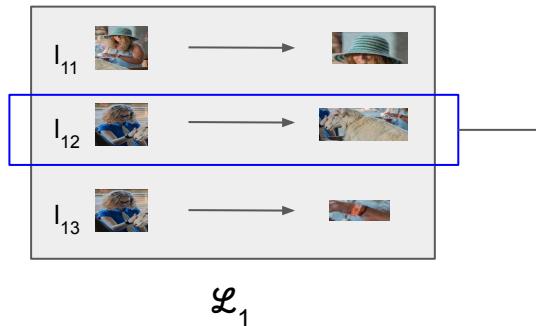
# Computing pairwise cost

Pairwise Cost = - VR Similarity

Pairwise cost



$\mathcal{L}_4$



$\mathcal{L}_1$

$$\Psi_{41}(l_{43}, l_{12}, \theta) = -R_\theta(f_{43}, f_{12})$$

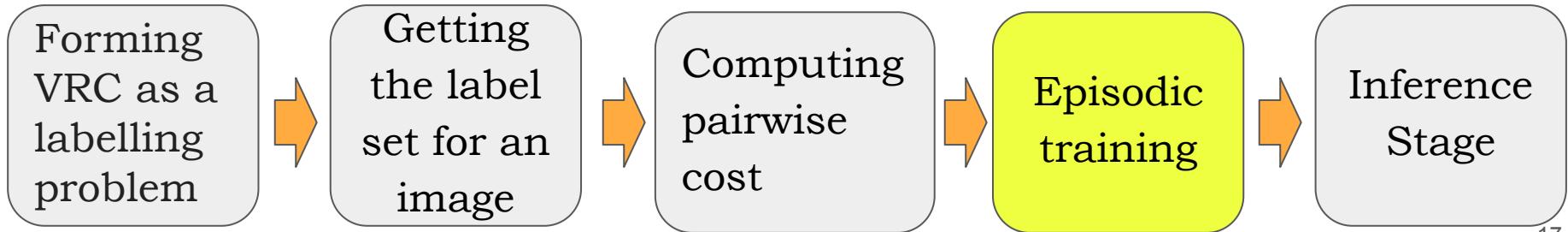
$$R_\theta(f_{43}, f_{12})$$

Similarity Score b/w VR  $l_{43}$  and  $l_{12}$

**Similar VRs → low pairwise cost**  
**Dissimilar VRs → high pairwise cost**

## STEP 4

### Episodic training



# Episodic training

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Episodic Training using Binary Log Regression Loss:

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{(l_i, l_j) \in pos} L_p + \sum_{(l_i, l_j) \in neg} L_n \right)$$

$$\text{where } L_p = \log\left(1 + e^{-R_\theta(f_{l_i}, f_{l_j})}\right) \text{ and } L_n = \log\left(1 + e^{R_\theta(f_{l_i}, f_{l_j})}\right)$$

N : Total number of VR pairs created for a bag

*pos* : pairs with the common hidden predicate

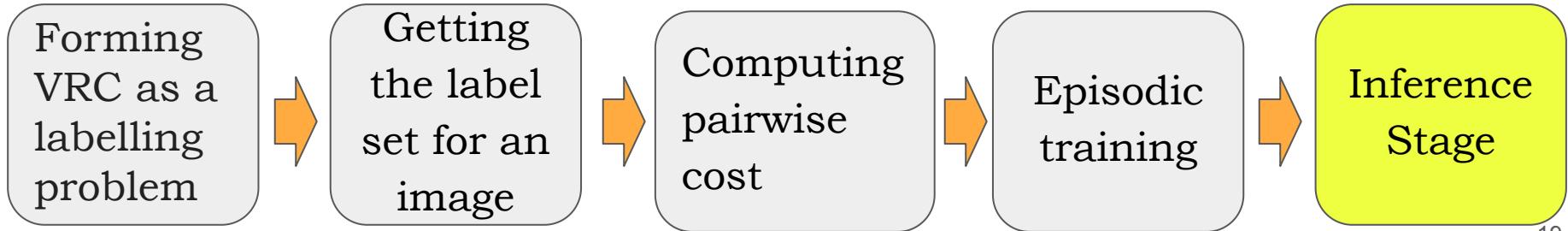
*neg* : pairs with different predicate

$R_\Theta$ : Similarity computed using Relation Net

## Step 5

### Inference stage

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# Inference Stage



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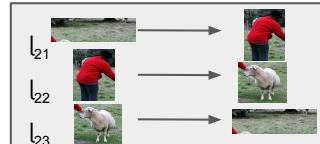


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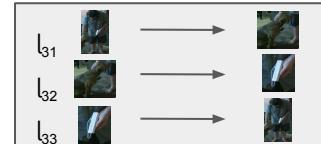


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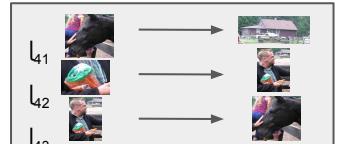


Image - 4 20

# Inference Stage

Potential labeling  
sorted according to  
cost

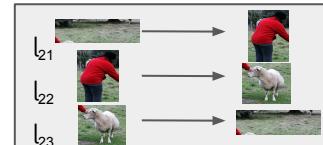


Image - 1

Image - 2

Leaf  
nodes

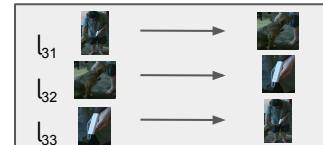


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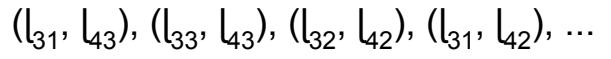


Image - 4

# Inference Stage

bestK

$(l_{12}, l_{22}), (l_{11}, l_{23}), (l_{13}, l_{21}), (l_{12}, l_{21}), \dots$



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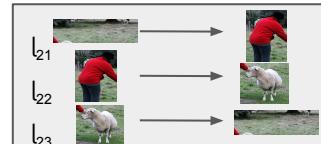


Image - 2

Leaf  
nodes

bestK

$(l_{31}, l_{43}), (l_{33}, l_{43}), (l_{32}, l_{42}), (l_{31}, l_{42}), \dots$

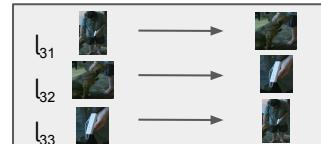


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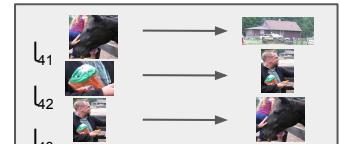
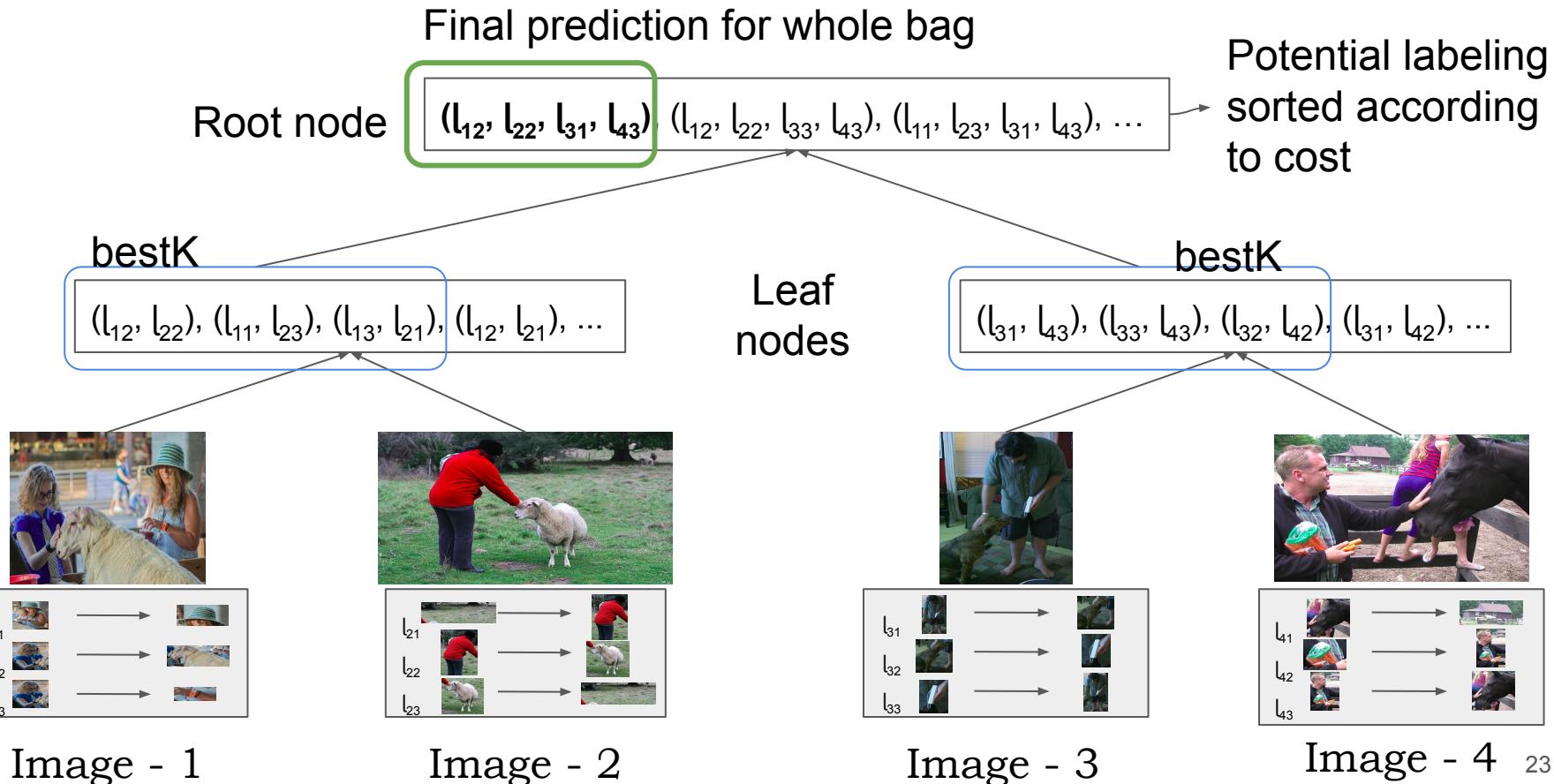


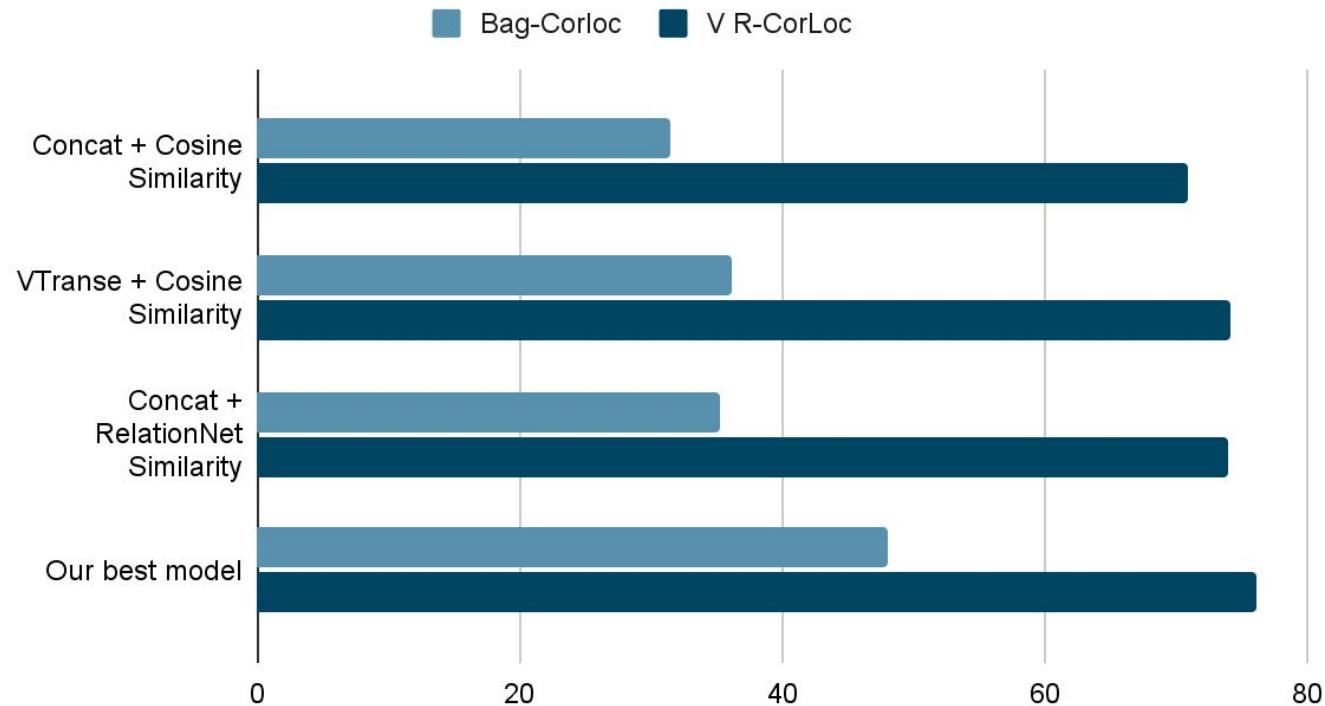
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# Inference Stage

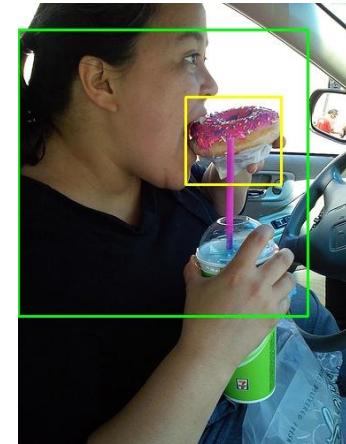
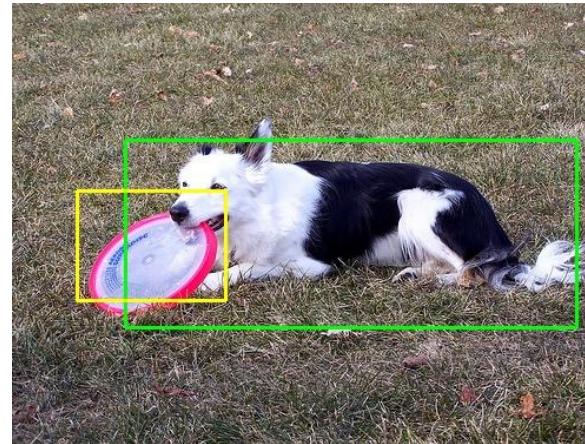
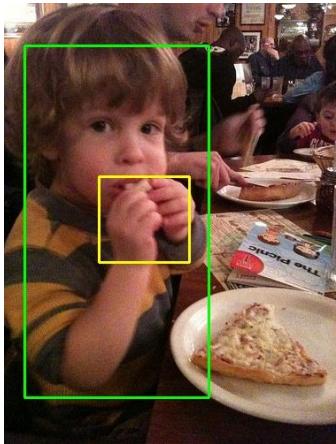


# Quantitative Results

Results on bag size = 4

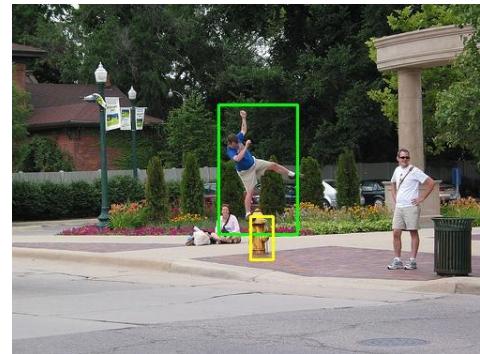
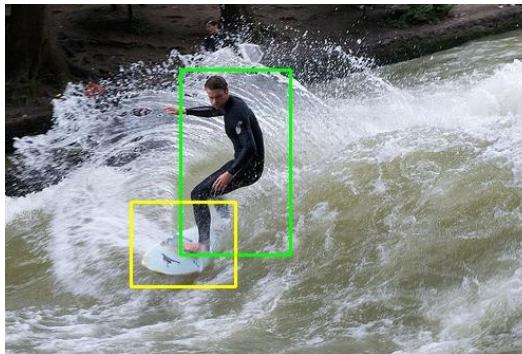
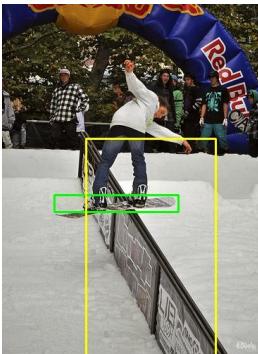


# Qualitative Results



Latent visual relation: **Biting**

# Qualitative Results



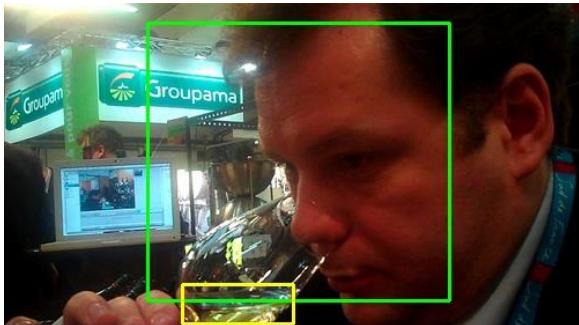
Latent visual relation: **Balancing On**

# Qualitative Results



Latent visual relation: **Following**

# Qualitative Results



Latent visual relation: **Sniffing**

# Conclusion

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- Visual Relationship Co-Localization: a novel task.
- A principled meta-learning based optimization framework
- Potential to open-up many future research avenues

**Code Available!**





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# Thank You

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# Getting the optimal labeling

$$\frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{(l_i, l_j) \in pos} L_p + \sum_{(l_i, l_j) \in neg} L_n \right)$$

Episodic training with binary logistic regression loss :

For positive pairs:  $L^p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{(f_u, f_v)} (\log(1 + \exp(R_\Theta(f_u, f_v))))$

$$L_p = \log\left(1 + e^{-R_\Theta(f_u, f_v)}\right)$$

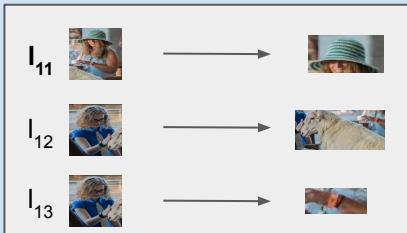
Positive pairs = pair of labels / VRs sharing **common predicate**

For example :  $l_{22} = \langle \text{woman}, \text{petting}, \text{sheep} \rangle$  and

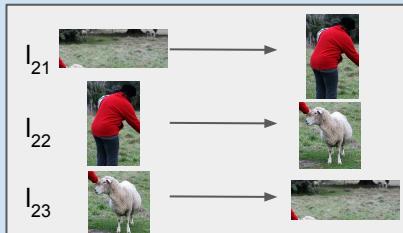
$l_{43} = \langle \text{man}, \text{petting}, \text{horse} \rangle$

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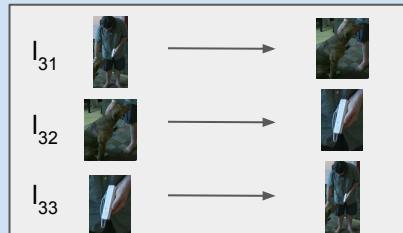
Label sets of images in the bag



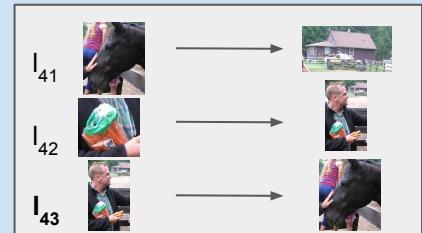
$\mathcal{L}_1$



$\mathcal{L}_2$



$\mathcal{L}_3$



$\mathcal{L}_4$

# Getting the optimal labeling

Episodic training with binary logistic regression loss :

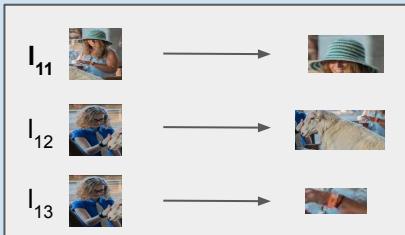
For negative pairs:  $L^n = \frac{1}{N_n} \sum_{(f_u, f_v)} (\log(1 + \exp(R_\Theta(f_u, f_v))))$

Negative pairs = pair of labels / VRs having **different predicate**.

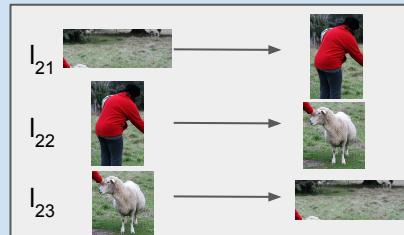
For example :  $l_{11} = \langle \text{woman}, \text{wearing}, \text{hat} \rangle$  and

$l_{43} = \langle \text{man}, \text{petting}, \text{horse} \rangle$

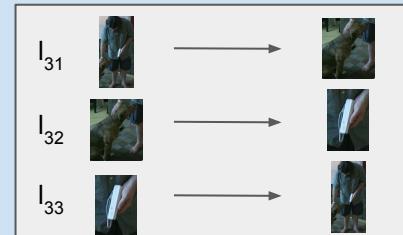
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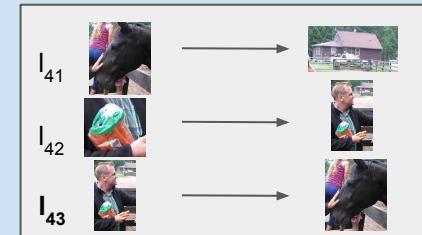
$\mathcal{L}_1$



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# Thank You

Any Questions?



**Visual Relationship**  
= <Subject, Predicate, Object>

# Visual Relationship

= <Subject, Predicate, Object>



# Visual Relationship

= <Subject, Predicate, Object>





**Can you localize common visual relationships?**

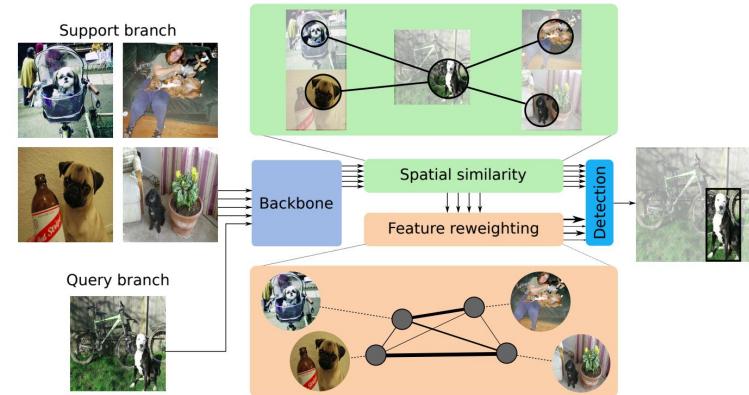


**Visual Relationship Co-Localization : This work**

# Object Co-Localization and WSOL



[Shaban et al., ICCV 2019]



[Hu et al., ICCV 2019]

$$\Psi = \sum_{u=1}^b \left( \min_t \Psi_u(l_{ut}) + \sum_{v=1}^{b,u \neq v} \min_{t_1,t_2} \Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta) \right)$$

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Sum over all the b images

$$\Psi = \sum_{u=1}^b \left( \min_t \Psi_u(l_{ut}) + \sum_{v=1}^{b,u \neq v} \min_{t_1, t_2} \Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta) \right)$$



Unary cost of assigning a label  $l_{ut}$  to image- $u$ .  
Considered uniform, does not contribute

$$\Psi = \sum_{u=1}^b \left( \min_t \Psi_u(l_{ut}) + \sum_{v=1}^{b,u \neq v} \min_{t_1, t_2} \boxed{\Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta)} \right)$$



Pairwise cost of assigning labels  
 $l_{ut_1}$  to image u and  $l_{vt_2}$  to image v.

**Lower** when predicates of  $l_{ut_1}$  and  
 $l_{vt_2}$  are **semantically similar**



Todo list and extra slides next

TODO list :

1. First 2 slides : 1 problem statement + related work + why is a few shot way ... : [Mayank]
2. 3rd + 4th slide : How graph labeling using potential function
3. 2 slides probably : How are labels sets created(almost done) + RelationNet to find similarity/cost (almost done)
4. Show how to train RelationNet in an episodic way : done : NEEDS MORE WORK
5. Inference algorithm : (almost done) finetune figure + how to explain :
6. Performance metrics : Mayank (can explain better)
7. Results (quantitative + visual results) : Mayank and Vaibhav

Speaker notes : use those

Keeping latex equation just in case

$$L^p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{(f_u, f_v)} (\log(1 + \exp(-R_\Theta(f_u, f_v))))$$

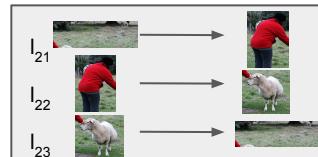
**Inference algorithm** : dividing large bag into smaller ones

--> solve smaller subproblems : combine smaller solutions

K-best :  $(l_{12}, l_{22}, l_{31}, l_{43}), (l_{12}, l_{22}, l_{31}, l_{43}), (l_{12}, l_{22}, l_{31}, l_{43})$

K-best :  $(l_{12}, l_{22}), (l_{11}, l_{23}), (l_{13}, l_{21})$

K-best :  $(l_{31}, l_{43}), (l_{33}, l_{43}), (l_{32}, l_{42})$

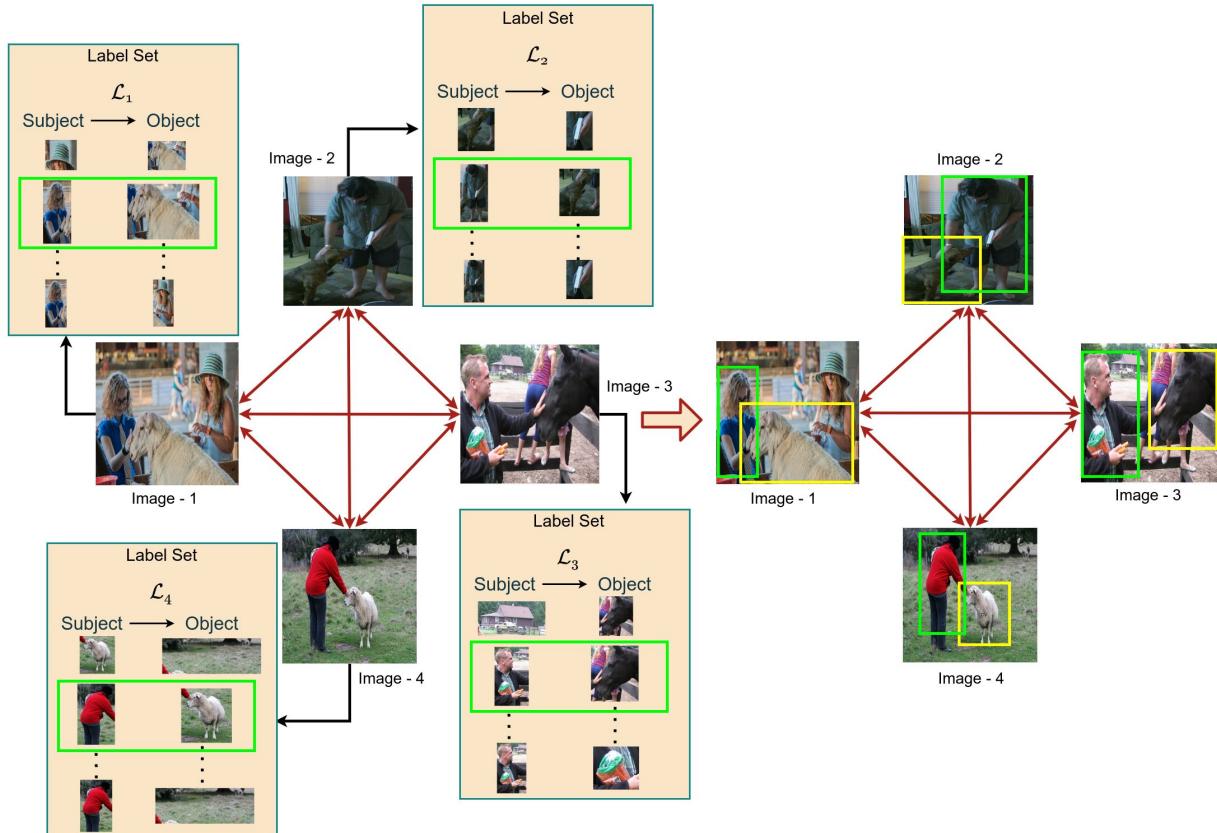


# Problem Formulation : how a graph labelling problem : what is the cost function

## Cost function

$$\Psi = \sum_{u=1}^b \left( \min_t \Psi_u(l_{ut}) + \sum_{v=1}^{b, u \neq v} \min_{t_1, t_2} \Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta) \right)$$

Unary cost :  $\Psi_u(l_{ut})$



Bag of 4 images with common latent predicate = “petting”

Optimal selection ( $O$ ) = ( $I_{1x}, I_{2x}, I_{3x}, I_{4x}$ ), where  $I_{ix} \in \mathcal{L}_i$  s.t. And all selected labels / visual relationships have **same predicate**.

For this illustration :  $O = (I_{12}, I_{22}, I_{31}, I_{43})$  and the common hidden predicate = “petting”

<woman, **petting**, sheep>



<woman, **petting**, sheep>



<man, **petting**, dog>



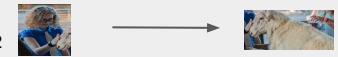
<man, **petting**, horse>



$$I_{11}$$



$$I_{12}$$



$$I_{13}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_1$$

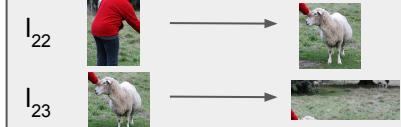
$$I_{21}$$



$$I_{22}$$

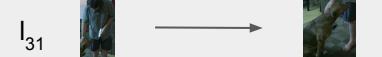


$$I_{23}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_2$$

$$I_{31}$$



$$I_{32}$$



$$I_{33}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_3$$

$$I_{41}$$



$$I_{42}$$

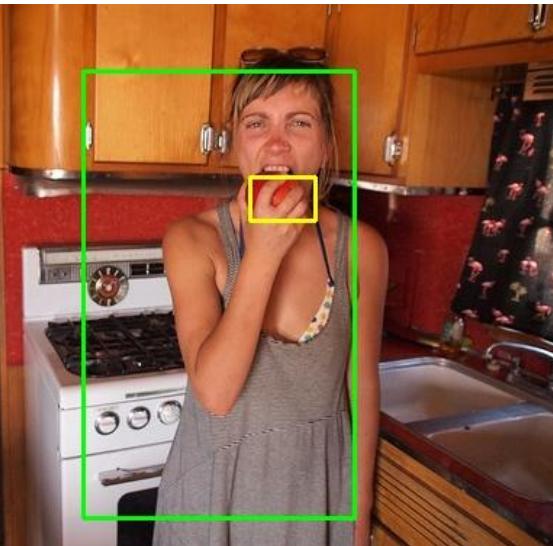


$$I_{43}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_4$$

How are we localizing a VR in this work. : [need to show this but where]



Visual relationship (VR) = <**subject** - predicate - **object**>

In this image : <**woman** - biting - **apple**>

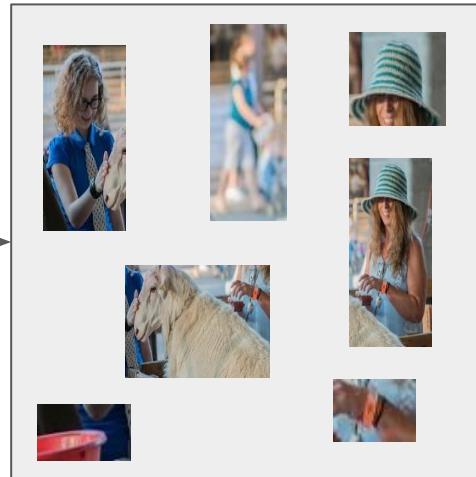
In this work, to localize a VR we predict its :

**subject bounding-box** & **object bounding-box**

## Problem Formulation : how a graph labelling problem : what is a label set for an image

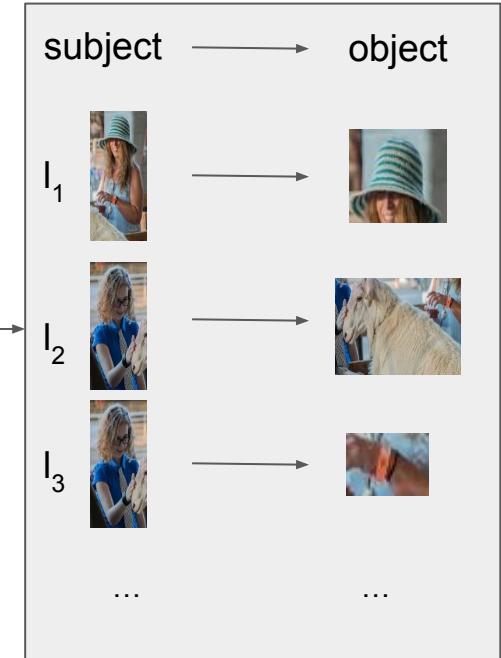


Faster R-CNN



Given image

Detected visual objects



Label set = all possible visual relationships in an image  
= all possible ordered pairs of detected visual objects in an image

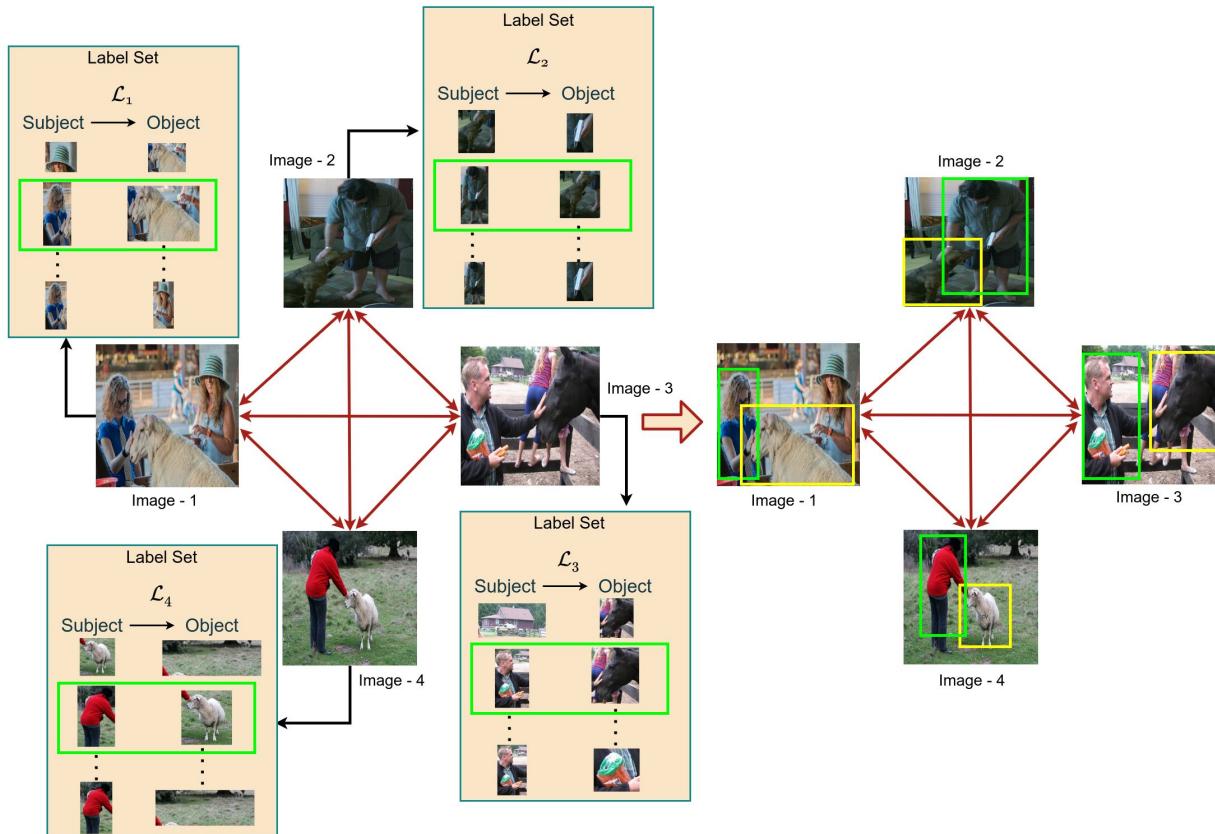
## Problem Formulation : how a graph labelling problem : what are nodes, edges and labels

Each bag of image =  
fully connected graph

Images in bag =  
Graph vertices

Label set of image =  
All possible VR, or  
All possible subj-obj pairs

Objective =  
Select 1 label (VR) for each  
image s.t. the selected labels have  
same predicate



Bag of 4 images with common latent predicate = “petting”

## Problem Formulation : how a graph labelling problem : what is the cost function

Optimization function :  $\Psi = \sum_{u=1}^b \left( \min_t \Psi_u(l_{ut}) + \sum_{v=1}^{b, u \neq v} \min_{t_1, t_2} \Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta) \right)$

Unary cost :  $\Psi_u(l_{ut})$

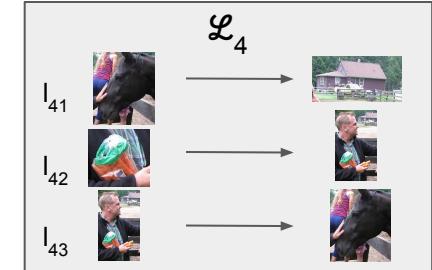
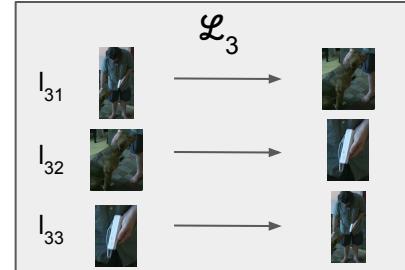
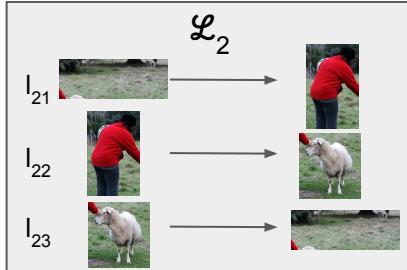
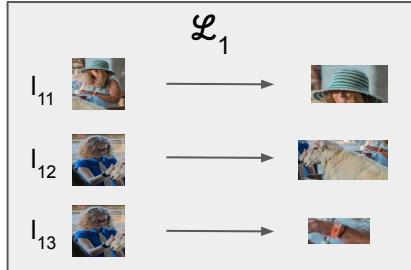
Cost of assigning a label  $l_u$  to image u.

Considered uniform

Pairwise cost :  $\Psi_{uv}(l_{ut_1}, l_{vt_2}, \theta)$

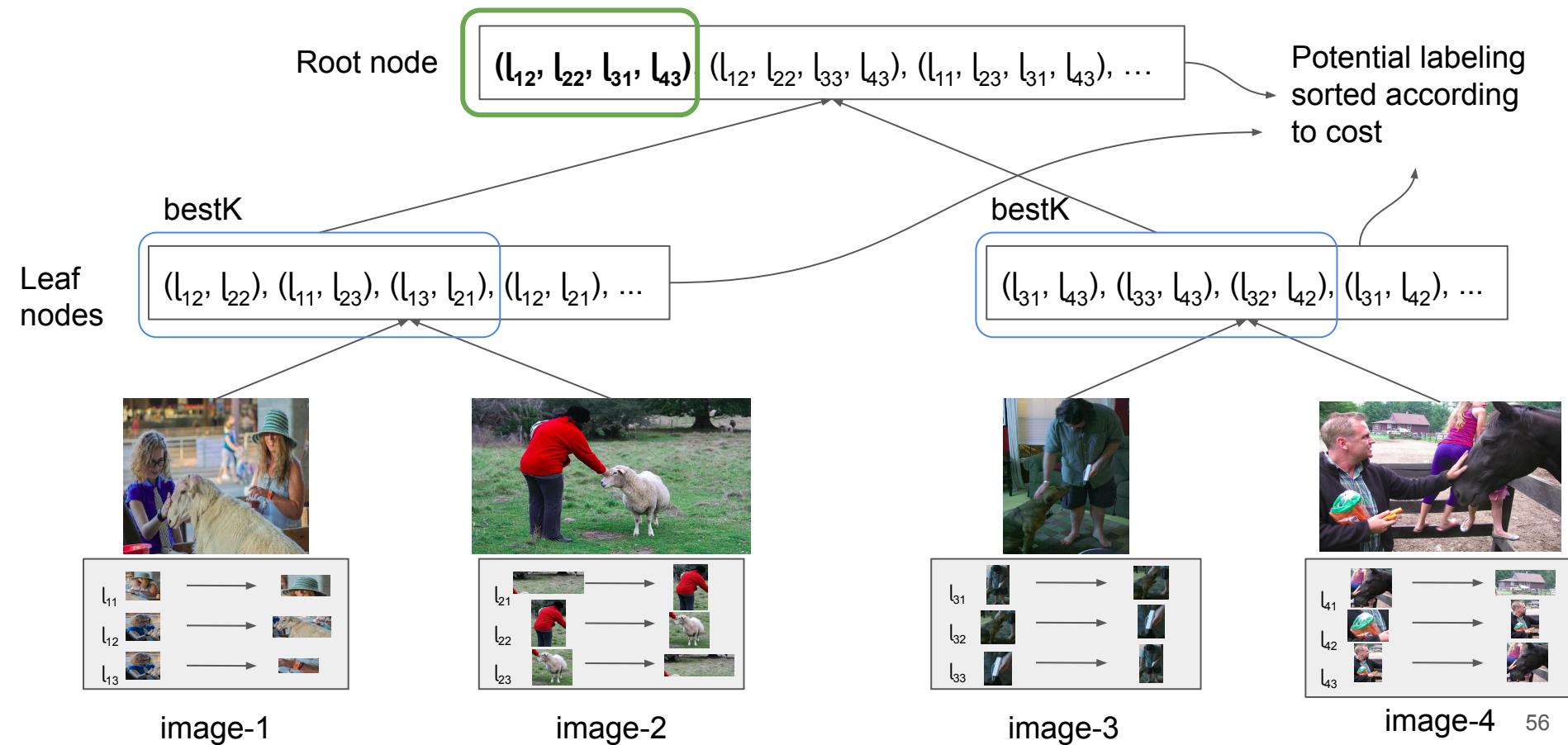
Cost of assigning labels  $l_{ut_1}$  to image u and  $l_{vt_2}$  to image v.

Lower when predicates of  $l_{ut_1}$  and  $l_{vt_2}$  are semantically similar



# Inference

Final prediction for whole bag



Where:

$N_p$  = number of pairs in an episode

$f_u, f_v$  = embeddings of visual relationship pairs and  $u \neq v$

$R_\Theta$  = visual relationship similarity function

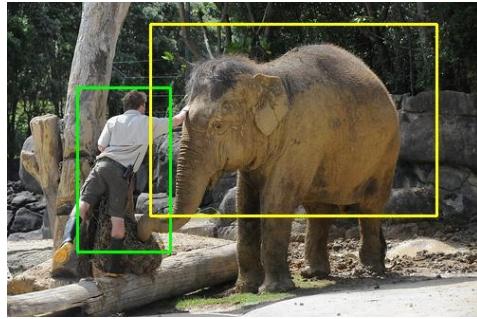
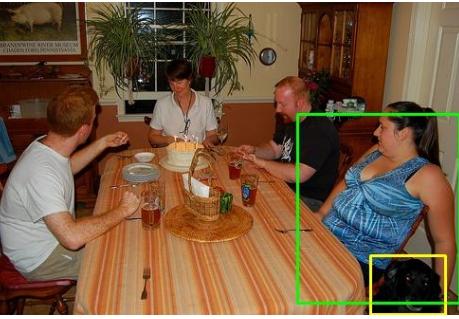
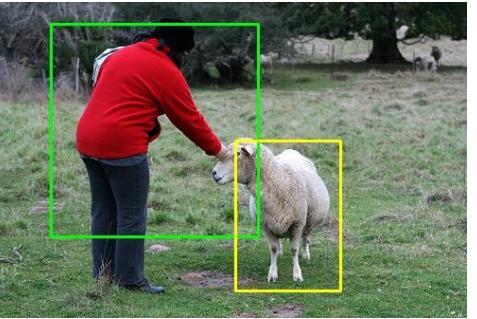
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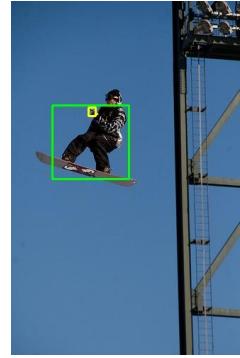
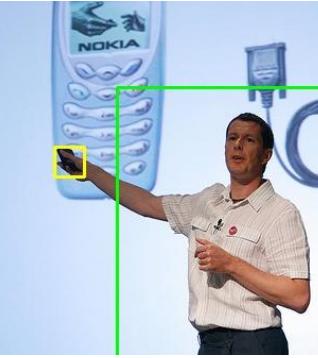
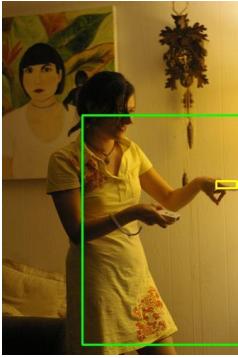
# Quantitative Results

Method →	Concat + Cosine			VtransE+ Cosine			Concat+ Rel. Net			Our Approach		
Supervision ↓	Bag Size			Bag Size			Bag Size			Bag Size		
	2	4	8	2	4	8	2	4	8	2	4	8
No supervision	72.16	70.86	76.85	73.34	74.20	82.56	75.61	74.02	76.38	78.99	76.12	84.07
Subject Fixed	76.82	78.66	<b>81.27</b>	80.37	<b>83.12</b>	83.58	<b>81.07</b>	<b>82.88</b>	<b>84.60</b>	83.90	<b>88.25</b>	86.67
Subject-Object in one image	<b>77.03</b>	<b>80.20</b>	79.42	<b>83.33</b>	82.40	<b>84.07</b>	79.29	81.69	81.45	<b>87.44</b>	84.46	<b>86.95</b>

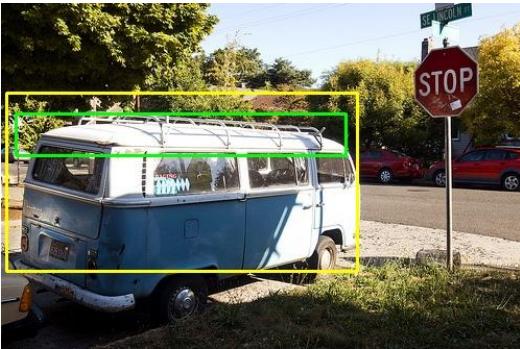
Table 3. **Effects of weak supervision on co-localization of relationships.** Here, we observe that just by giving a weak form of supervision, the visual relationship co-localization performance increases significantly for each ablation. The results correspond to VR-CorLoc %.



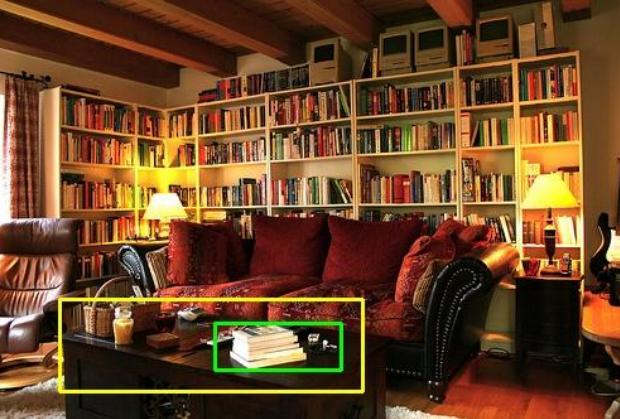
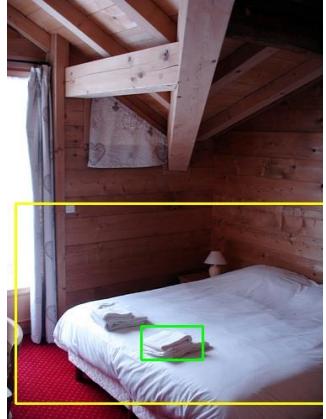
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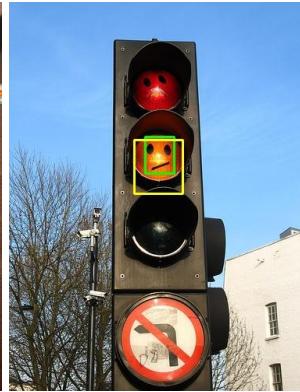
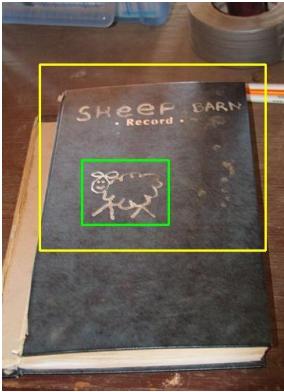
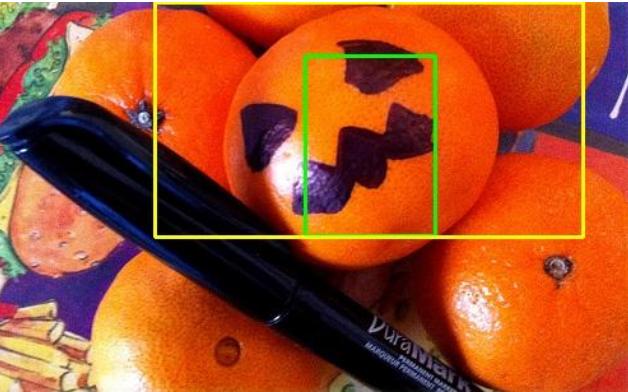
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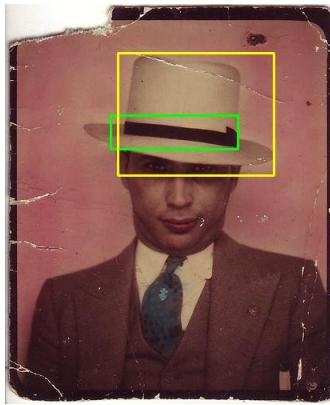
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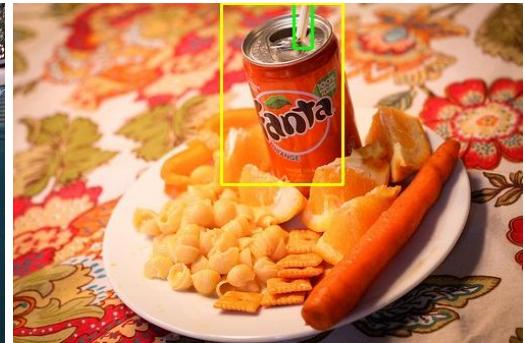
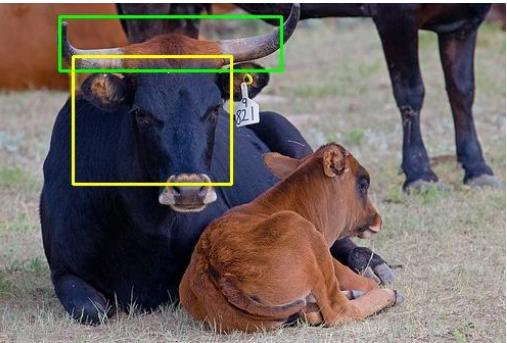
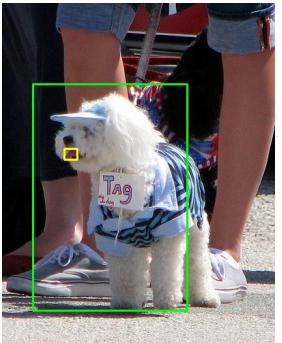
5:stacked on



7:drawn on



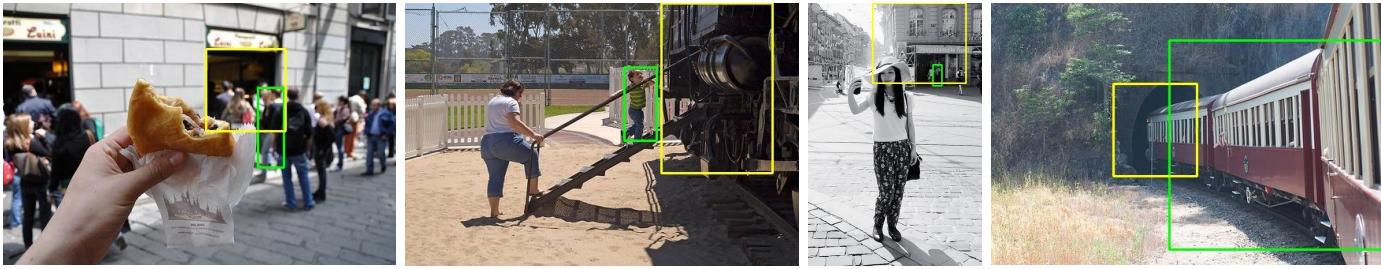
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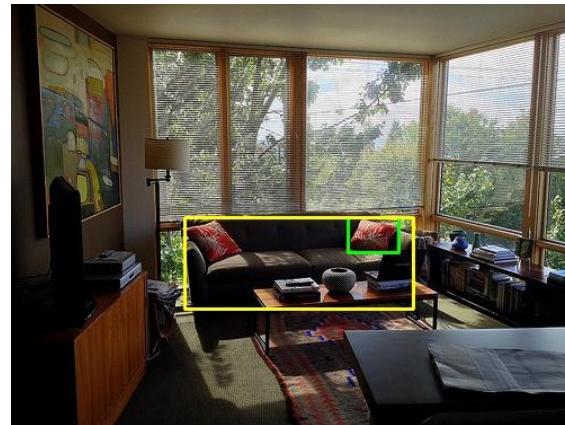
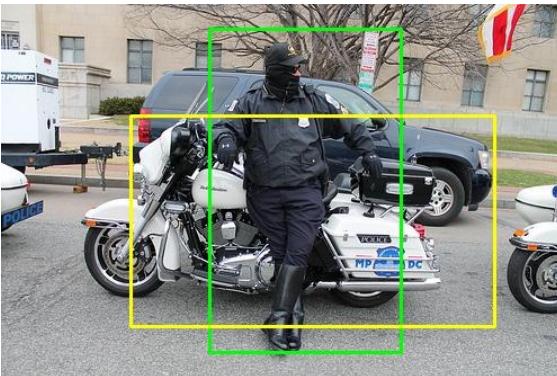
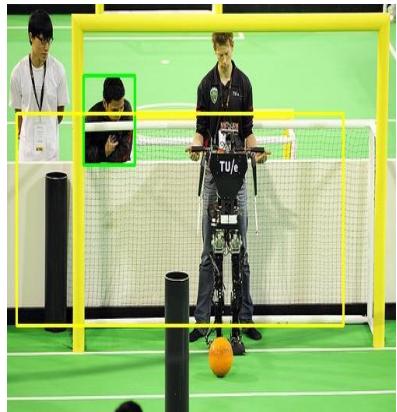
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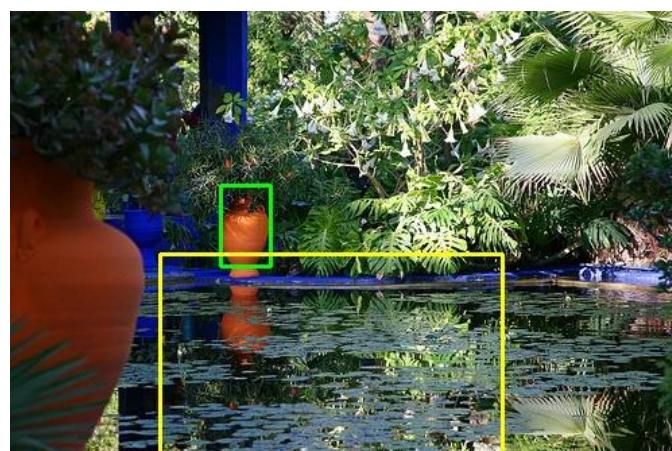
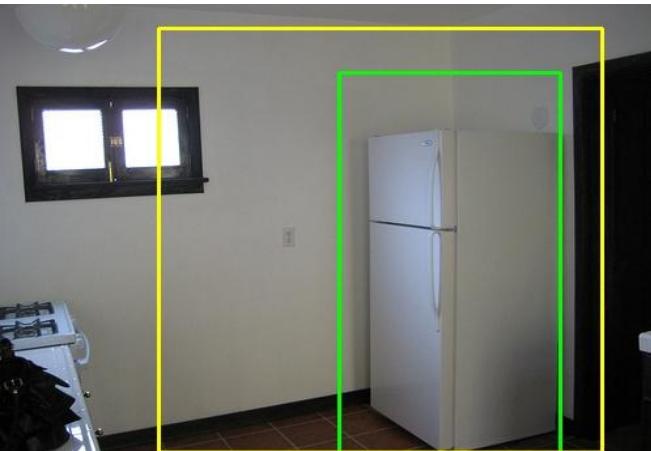
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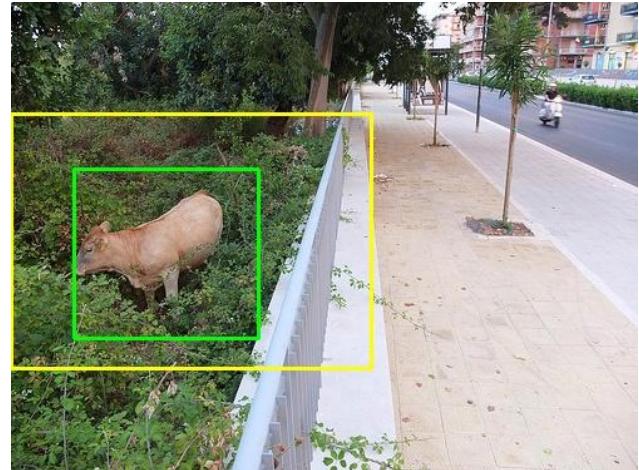
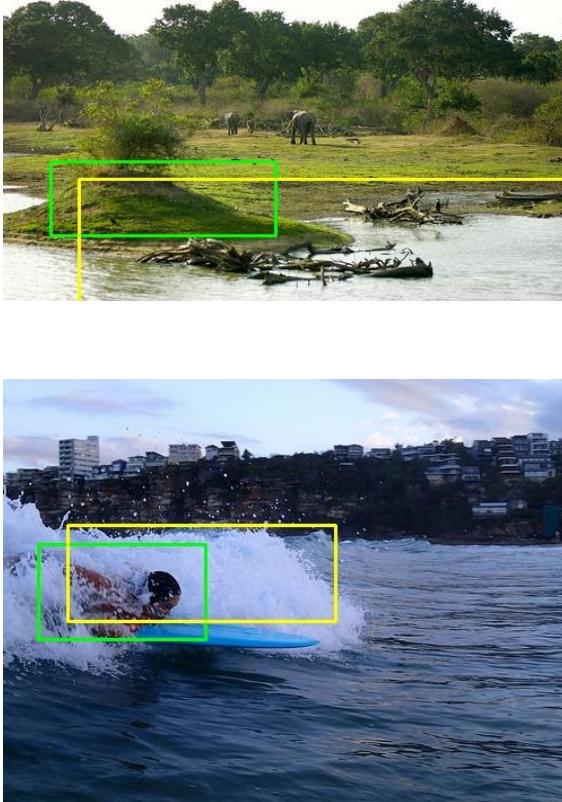
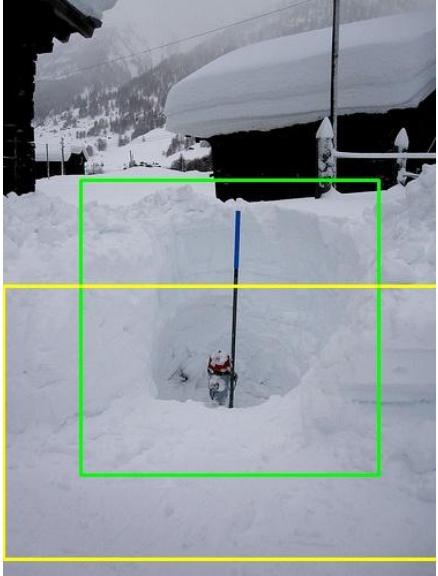
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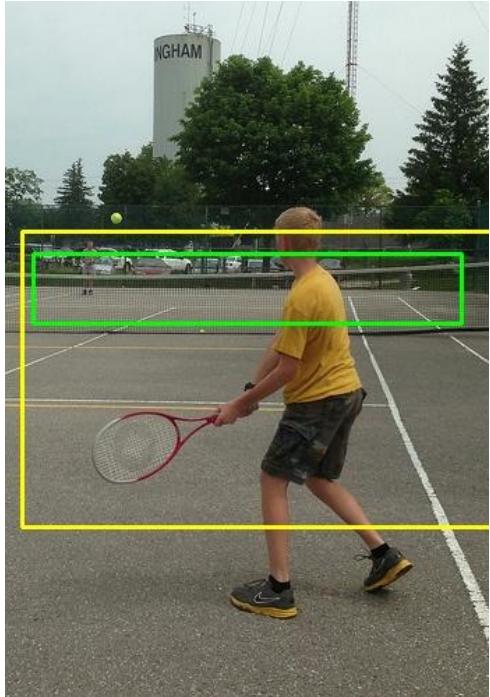
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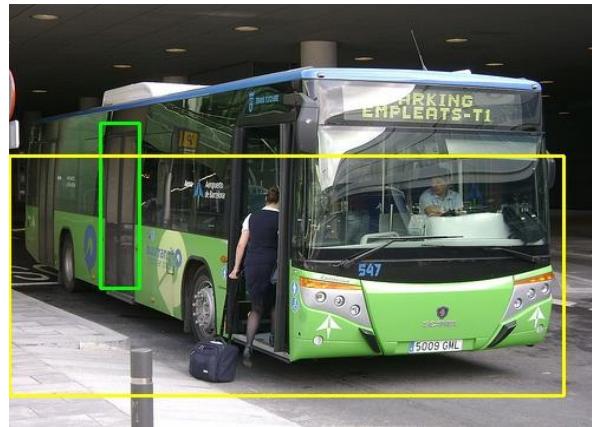
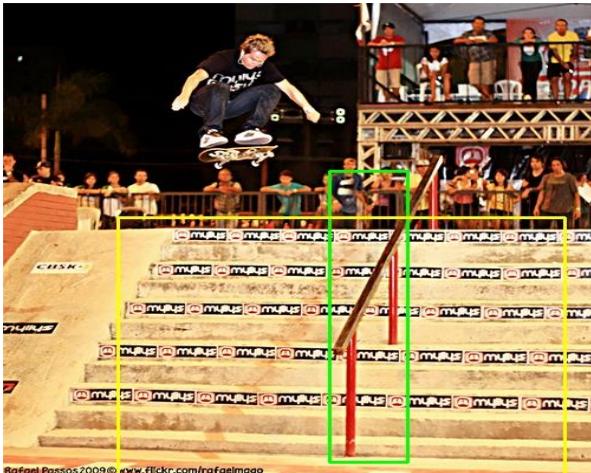
14:in corner of



15: surrounded by



16:in center of



# Episodic training with binary logistic regression loss

For positive pairs:  $L^p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{(f_u, f_v)} \left( \log(1 + \exp(-R_\Theta(f_u, f_v))) \right)$

For negative pairs:  $L^p = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{(f_u, f_v)} \left( \log(1 + \exp(R_\Theta(f_u, f_v))) \right)$

Where:

$N_p$  = number of pairs in an episode

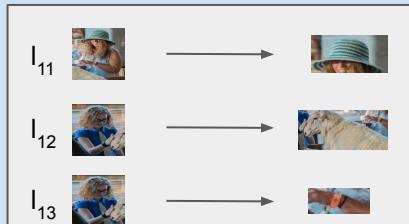
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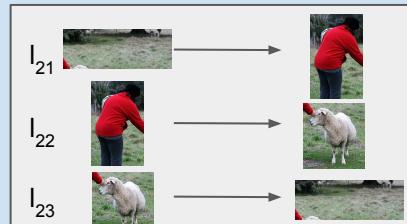
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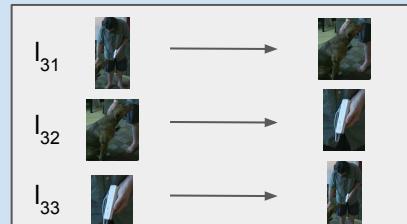
Label sets of images in the bag



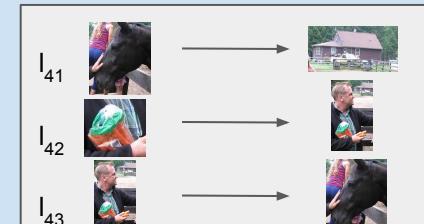
$\mathcal{L}_1$



$\mathcal{L}_2$



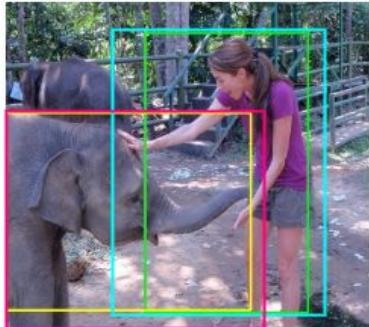
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$\mathcal{L}_4$

# Supple slides

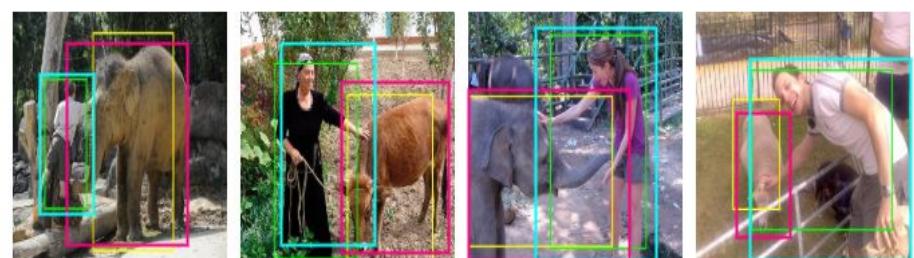
# Metrics



- Ground Truth Object Bounding Box
- Ground Truth Subject Bounding Box
- Predicted Object Bounding Box
- Predicted Subject Bounding Box

## VR-CorLoc

Fraction of test images for which visual subject-object pairs are correctly localized.



- Ground Truth Object Bounding Box
- Ground Truth Subject Bounding Box
- Predicted Object Bounding Box
- Predicted Subject Bounding Box

## Bag-CorLoc

Fraction of the total number of bags for which the visual subject-object pairs are correctly localized for all of its images.